HOUSE No. 120

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, petition of Emile J. Goguen for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to Internet voting and other possible technologies in the Commonwealth. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO STUDY INTERNET VOTING AND OTHER TECHNOLOGIES.

- 1 Resolved, There is hereby appointed a special seven member
- 2 commission consisting of two members of the house of represen-
- 3 tatives, to be appointed by the speaker, one member of the senate,
- 4 to be appointed by the president, a specialist in the field of tech-
- 5 nological information systems and a political scientist with an
- 6 academic concentration in election laws both to be appointed by
- 7 the governor. The attorney general, or his designee, the designee,
- 8 the secretary of state, or his designee. The chairman will be
- 9 chosen by the members of the special commission. The purpose of
- 10 the special commission shall be to investigate and generate a
- 11 study of a "phase-in" internet voting capability, as well as other
- 12 current and potential technologies to improve voting systems. The
- 13 study shall undertake, but not be limited to an investigation of the
- 14 following stages of internet voting:.